FISCAL NOTE

HB 2848 - SB 3034

January 28, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for failure to yield to pedestrians, when such pedestrians are legally crossing the roadway within a crosswalk, from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$22,800

Increase Local Gov't. Revenue - \$1,200

Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety estimates 400 violations per year.
- The average fine for this Class C misdemeanor offense under current law is estimated to be \$20.
- The average fine for this Class B misdemeanor offense under the proposed bill is estimated to be \$100.
- The increase of fines issued is estimated to be \$32,000 (400 violations x \$80 increase = \$32,000) per year.
- 25% of fines issued will not be collected due to indigence.
- The increase of violation revenue is estimated to be \$24,000 (\$32,000 x 75% = \$24,000) per year.
- County clerks receive 5% of violation revenue.
- The increase to local government revenue is estimated to be \$1,200 ($$24,000 \times 5\% = $1,200$) per year.
- The increase to state revenue is estimated to be \$22,800 (\$24,000 \$1,200 local share = \$22,800) per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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